

# Gasconade County SWCD

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## 2010 Fair Highlights

The Gasconade County SWCD hosted their 3rd Farm and Conservation Fair at the Hermann High School on March 20th. There was approximately 141 attendees at the event. Landowners were able to visit with 18 vendors and attend 7 different workshops during the course of the day.

Boy Scout Troop 116 not only assisted the vendors and staff with opening preparations, they did a splendid job of presenting the "Colors" at the beginning of the awards ceremony.

The meal that was provided by the District was prepared and served by the Swiss Evangelical Reformed Church.

Ron Hardecke, Curtis Koelling and Dennis Berger were on hand to present the awards. The Poster Contest Winners are listed separately within this publication. The board presented Dennis & Brenda Kurrelmeyer with the 2010 Family Cooperator award and Jerome and Carolyn Winthorst Received the 2010 Volunteer Award.



Dennis & Brenda Kurrelmeyer receive their 2010 Conservation Family Award from Ron Hardecke.



Jerome & Carolyn Winthorst receive their 2010 Volunteer Award from Chairman, Ron Hardecke

### Board of Supervisors:

Ron Hardecke - Chairman  
Curtis Koelling - Vice-Chairman  
Gene Rademacher - Treasurer  
Dennis Berger - Member  
Andy Read - Secretary

### District Staff:

Diana Mayfield - District Specialist II  
Terry DuBois - District Technician II

### NRCS Staff:

Melinda Barch - District Conservationist  
Mark Brandt - Resource Conservationist  
Kary Wolfe - Soil Conservationist  
Russell Titus - Soil Conservationist

### MDC STAFF:

Kyle Lairmore, Private Lands Conservationist  
Scott Williams, Fisheries Biologist

**For more pictures of the Fair visit us on the web at [www.swcd.mo.gov/gasconade](http://www.swcd.mo.gov/gasconade)**

2:00 PM to 8:00 PM - June 17<sup>th</sup> 2010  
MU Bradford Research and Extension Center  
Columbia, Missouri

**2:00 and 3:00 PM - Indoor Workshops**

- Introduction to Quail Ecology
- Patch Burn Grazing

**6:00 PM-Indoor Workshop**

- Advanced Quail Management

**4:00 PM – Field & Wagon Tours Begin**

- ✓ Landscaping with Native Plants - *Backyard Habitats, Plant Id and Rain Gardens*
- ✓ Patch Burn Grazing, Native Warm Season Grass and Forb Management For Livestock
- ✓ Biofuels and Wildlife – What are the Keys to Success for Conservation and Livestock Production
- ✓ Enhancing Quail Habitat and Crop Field Management - *Field Borders and Edge Feathering*
- ✓ Forage Management Options for Wildlife and Livestock–*Native Cool Season Grass Alternatives to Tall Fescue*
- ✓ Back Forty – Implementing Wildlife Practices on Your Farm

A detailed black and white illustration of a quail sitting on a nest made of reeds. Three small chicks are shown nearby, one in the foreground and two slightly behind it. The scene is set in a natural, marshy environment.

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- ◆ The \$24 million in cost-share obligations has been met state wide and there will be no further obligations made for the rest of fiscal year 2010, which runs from July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010. The Gasconade County FY10 initial allocation of \$153,800 has been reduced to an obligation of \$90,576.00.
- ◆ The FY 11 (June 30, 2010 - July 1, 2011) allocation is currently set at \$24M, however, the Soil and Water Commission has directed that \$2M be withheld from allocations until mid-year to determine the trend of the economy.
- ◆ We are able to proceed with a few FY11 obligations at this time due to a new procedure which allows more flexibility between fiscal years. However, the Gasconade County cost-share allocation for FY11 is only \$87,400 which is divided up into four resource concerns - Sheet/Rill/Gully, Woodlands, Sensitive Areas, and Grazing Management. These resource allocations are locked by the Commission and we are unable to move the money around at this time, therefore our funds in woodlands, sensitive areas and grazing management are very limited. We will let you know of any further developments as they come about. Hopefully, things will turn around soon and we will be able to continue putting conservation on the land.

To get more information about NRCS and its programs, visit the Missouri NRCS website at <http://www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov>. There is a link on the site to assist in locating local offices. Local offices also are listed in telephone directories under “U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture.”

# Practice Highlight

**C100 - TIMBER HARVEST PLANS** - This practice provides an incentive payment for the proper design and implementation of best management practices on logging roads, streams crossings, log landings, and other constructive measures during timber harvest. The incentive payment for this practice is \$20/acre up to 75 acres and then \$15/acre for every acre over 75. This incentive is not authorized for timber acres that have been harvested previously within the past 5 years, unless multiple harvests on the same acreage are specified by prescription through a professional forester.

**DSL-11 - PERMANENT VEGETATIVE COVER ON CRITICAL AREAS** - This practice addresses critical areas (such as gullies, banks, field borders, and similar problem areas) on farms which are susceptible to erosion and impacting agricultural land. The practice provides cost-share for grading, shaping and filling; the establishment of grasses, mulching; trees or shrubs; or fencing to exclude livestock from new plantings. This area must be protected from overgrazing. If in a feedlot area, the assistance will be limited to 5 acres per area and will be limited to \$500 per acre with a maximum of \$2500 for the practice. The critical area practice may also be used to address gully erosion problems associated with existing terrace systems located in pastures and/or haylands.

**Cost-share funds are provided by the 1/10 of 1% Parks and Soils Sales Tax.**

# 2010 Poster Winners

The Gasconade County SWCD is pleased to announce the following winners of their 2010 Poster Contest - "CONSERVATION HABITS = HEALTHY HABITATS." We wish to thank the judges - Delores Diekmann, Shirley Landwehr, and Cathy Mauzey, RR Donnelly for the donation of poster board, and the Owensville Walmart for the Grand Prize Bicycle Donation.

## 2nd Grade

1st - Ellie Engemann, St. George  
2nd - Abby Overkamp, St. George  
3rd - Rachel Lensing, St. George

## 4th Grade

1st - Calista LeBrell, St. George  
2nd - Regan Horstmann, Hermann Elementary  
3rd - Haley Hingst, Hermann Elementary

## 6th Grade

1st - Anna Baumstark, St. George  
2nd - Ryan Kottmann, St. George  
3rd - Nathan Held, St. George

## 8th Grade

1st - Erin Gerlemann, St. George  
2nd - Desi Jacobs, St. George  
3rd - Haley Stiers, St. George

## 3rd Grade

1st - Hannah Bader, St. George  
2nd - Audrey Baumstark, St. George  
3rd - Mason Scheible, Hermann Elementary

## 5th Grade

1st - Alida Bader, St. George  
2nd - Katie Rose, Hermann Middle  
3rd - Marissa Grannemann, Hermann Middle

## 7th Grade

1st - Arthur Schneider, Hermann Middle  
2nd - Dalton Gillig, St. George  
3rd - Kristen Charboneau, Owensville Middle

## State Entries

Second - Third Grade Division - Hannah Bader  
Fourth - Sixth Grade Division - Calista LeBrell  
Seventh - Eighth Grade Division - Arthur Schneider

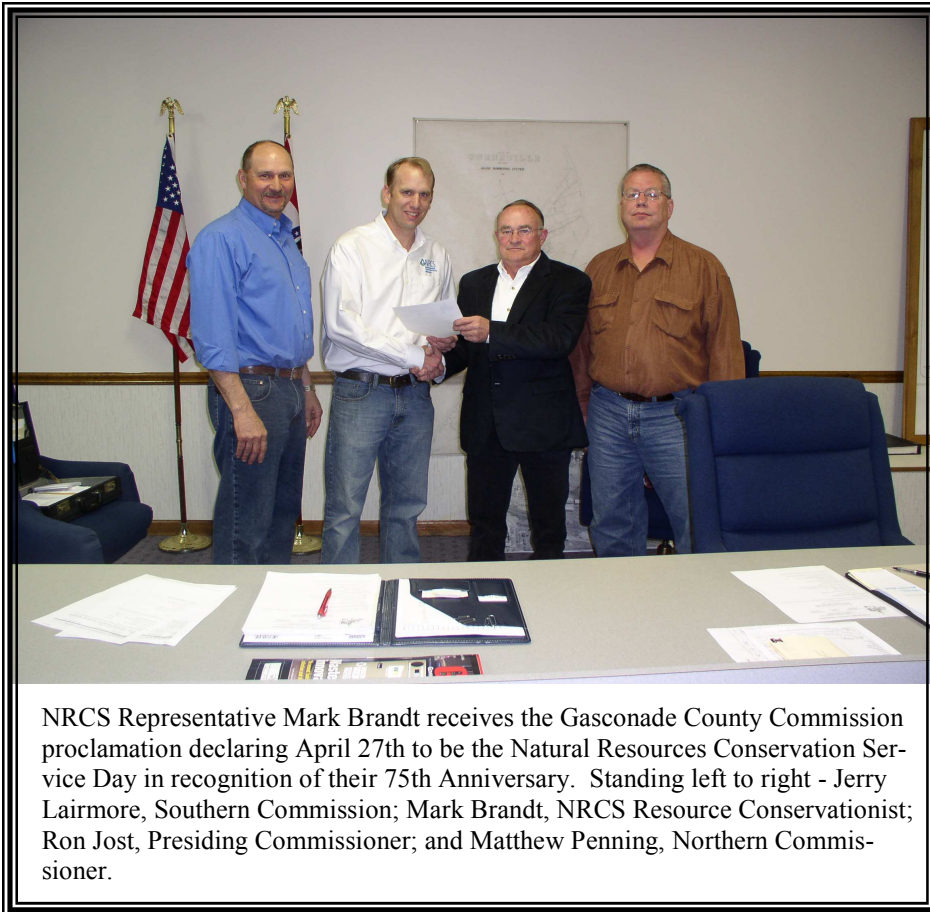
***Grand Prize Winner - Calista LeBrell, St. George School***

## *New FSA County Executive Director* *Abby Inglis*

Hello! I am Abby Inglis, the new face on the FSA side. My family and I are relocating from Bolivar, Missouri, which is north of Springfield. I graduated from Drury University and began my FSA career as a Program Technician in Polk County. I later got accepted into the County Operations Trainee program and the Gasconade County Committee hired me as County Executive Director on March 17th. I have five years of experience with the agency.

My husband and I ran a livestock operation and custom harvested fescue seed. We have an 18-month old daughter, Dani Pearl, and will be living in Rosebud. We are in the process of moving and are excited to meet you all and take in the beautiful scenery Gasconade County has to offer.





NRCS Representative Mark Brandt receives the Gasconade County Commission proclamation declaring April 27th to be the Natural Resources Conservation Service Day in recognition of their 75th Anniversary. Standing left to right - Jerry Lairmore, Southern Commission; Mark Brandt, NRCS Resource Conservationist; Ron Jost, Presiding Commissioner; and Matthew Penning, Northern Commissioner.

# Congratulations NRCS

*On 75 years of  
Conservation Service!*

*The Gasconade County SWCD appreciates  
All of your service and expertise!*



## GASCONADE COUNTY COMMISSION

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**MATTHEW PENNING**  
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NORTHERN DISTRICT

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PRESIDING  
COMMISSIONER

**JERRY LAIRMORE**  
COMMISSIONER  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT

### Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, The Natural Resources Conservation Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, was formed by an act of Congress on April 27, 1935, and has been Helping People Help the Land for 75 years; and

**WHEREAS**, The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides financial assistance and free technical assistance to Gasconade County farmers, ranchers and others who care for private and public land to help them preserve the natural resources that are vital to the well being of all Missourians and future generations of Missourians; and

**WHEREAS**, The Natural Resources Conservation Services informs and educates Gasconade County citizens about the value of the natural resources which are vital to our economy, recreational opportunities, aesthetic beauty, and the ability of our farmers and ranchers to help feed and clothe the people of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, The Natural Resources Conservation Service in Gasconade County works in close partnership with Gasconade County; all of the communities in Gasconade County; the Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District; local service groups, clubs and organizations; and other federal and state departments,

**NOW THEREFORE**, We, members of the Gasconade County Commission, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2010 to be

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE DAY  
In Gasconade County**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands in the City of Owensville this 1st day of April, 2010.

    
Presiding Commissioner      Northern Commissioner      Southern Commissioner

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## Dates to Remember

<b>April 15-16</b>	Rolla Grazing School
<b>April 27th</b>	NRCS Appreciation Day
<b>May 3</b>	Board of Supervisor Meeting, USDA Service Center, 8 p.m.
<b>May 13-14</b>	Tri-County Grazing School, Linn MO
<b>June 7</b>	Board of Supervisor Meeting, USDA Service Center, 8 p.m.
<b>June 17-18</b>	Wurdack Advanced Grazing School, Wurdack Farms
<b>June 17</b>	Managing Wildlife and Native Plants in Agriculture Field Day, MU Bradford Research Center
<b>June 30</b>	End of Fiscal Year 2010
<b>July 5</b>	Board of Supervisor Meeting, USDA Service Center, 8 p.m.

### ACRE AND DCP ENROLLMENT DEADLINE APPROACHING

Owensville, MO, April 1, 2010 -- Edward Hamill, executive director of USDA's Missouri Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that June 1, 2010, is the deadline for the 2010 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program or the traditional Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP). This is a mandatory deadline for all participants and USDA will not accept any late-file applications. Hamill explained it is critical for producers to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible.

"Over 76,000 farms were enrolled in DCP/ACRE Program during 2009 and to date, approximately less than 60 percent have been enrolled in the 2010 DCP/ACRE Programs," Hamill said. "At the current rate of enrollment, a significant number of farms eligible for 2010 DCP/ACRE will not be enrolled by the June 1, 2010, deadline."

All signatures of producers receiving a share in DCP/ACRE payments are required by the June 1, 2010, deadline. It is important that producers contact their local office to set up appointments well before the June 1, 2010, deadline.

For more information about the DCP/ACRE programs, please visit your local FSA county office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Gasconade County SWCD Equipment

**LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE ON FILE AT THE SWCD OFFICE BEFORE EQUIPMENT CAN BE RENTED.**

**Drill charge: Minimum charge of \$90.00 for less than 10 acres usage. An additional \$9.00 will be charged for each additional acre under 50 acres. There will be an \$8.00 per acre charge for 50 acres or more.**

For Scheduling of equipment, please call the SWCD office at 573-437-3478 ext 3, unless other wise indicated.

- ◇ John Deere 10 ft no-till drill is located at Raineri Transmission, 803 S. 6th Street (Hwy EE) Owensville. Call 573-437-8470.
- ◇ Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office.

### Located at the SWCD Office:

- ◇ Rotowiper - \$25 a day
- ◇ Burn Equipment - \$50 deposit, \$10 use charge
- ◇ ATV Equipment (Seeder, Sprayer, Disk) - \$100 deposit, \$20 a day each piece or \$50 for all three
- ◇ ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder—no charge—Donated by Quail Unlimited
- ◇ Soil Probe - no charge